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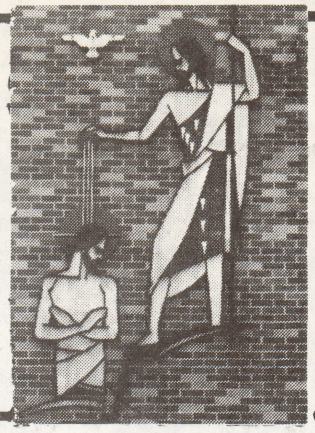

Remember To Vote

Today is election day for 5 new Education Commission members. Exercise your responsibility as a parishioner by choosing 5 from the slate of 8 candidates. Take a few minutes to stop in the parish hall to pick up your ballot TODAY.

The following are on the slate:

Mrs. Nina Bourdeau
Mr. Dan Miekstyn
Mrs. Pat Miley
Mrs. Thelma Peper
Mrs. Barbara Powell
Mrs. Janice Scafasi
Mrs. Judy Solomon
Mrs. Martha Wideman

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There are a few openings for catechists for the 1977-78 school term. If you want to share your gift of faith with the young people in our parish, please contact Eileen Hageman at 483-6378.

New Life in Christ

Two infants began their initiation into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Sunday, July 31, 1977.

Stefan Charles Lennon, son of Thomas C. and Mary F. (Piatkowski) Lennon, 507 Thomas St. Stefan's sponsors in the faith are Joseph and Helen Campbell.

Andrew James Lum, son of Francis M. and Gemma L. (Coloma) Lum, 2842 Deake Avenue. Andrew's godparents are Dr. Dienzevenido Gatmaitan, Michael Malmer, Myrna Vega and Dr. Adelina Herrerro.

May the good work which Christ has begun in these two sons be brought to completion in Him. Best wishes to the parents, and welcome, Stefan and Andrew.

Just A Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

Communion in the Hand

As many of you read in the Diocesan papers last weekend, the Holy Father has granted the request made by the American Bishops seeking permission for American Catholics to receive Holy Communion "in the hand." The reception of the Holy Eucharist in the hand will be an **optional** practice. Communion still may be received in the usual way, i.e., on the tongue. The optional practice of receiving Communion in the hand will begin on October 2, 1977 in the Diocese of Lansing. Prior to that date of implementation, appropriate explanations and demonstrations will be given, verbally and visually to insure proper reverence for the Lord's Body. We count on your cooperation in this small but important matter.

The Lefebvre Controversy

A dissident, 72 year old archbishop, has made quite a stir - at least the media has accented the controversy between Archbishop Lefebvre and Pope Paul VI. In all the fuss, not only has an internal problem been sensationalized, but reasons for the controversy obscured.

The basic problem remains the obdurate attitude and illicit actions of the archbishop - not the fact that he chooses to celebrate Mass in Latin. Latin has nothing to do with the problem. Every priest is able to offer Mass in Latin but in accordance to the revised rites of liturgy as specified by Vatican Council II. Ultimately, the real problem lies in the Archbishop's rejection of the Council's solemn proclamations - no light matter! As Fr. Untener, recently appointed rector of St. John's Seminary in nearby Plymouth, wrote two weeks ago in the Michigan Catholic, "The problem is not that the prayers and rituals used by the archbishop are somehow wrong in themselves. They are out of step with the praying church, and that is no small matter. The Mass is never celebrated simply on behalf of one priest, one congregation, or one parish. It is celebrated on behalf of the entire church, a belief that is one of the oldest and most traditional teachings. The reason why the Archbishop will not use the new liturgy is precisely because he does not wish to be part of the church in whose behalf the liturgy is celebrated. That, and that alone, is what makes it wrong."

The final paragraph of Fr. Untener's editorial is also worth repeating here, especially on this day when American Catholics join together in honoring Peter's successor, the Bishop of Rome, through Peter's Pence.

"All of us, at one time or another, long for a church entirely of our own vision, and instead, find a church with which we partly disagree. All of us yearn for a perfect church only to come face to face with a living church that is partly sinful. All of us look with nostalgia or hope to a church of the future, and then discover that the only real church is the church of the present."

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Dear Father & Parishioners,

The "Peter's Pence" collection is the annual opportunity for all of us, clergy and laity, to make a per-

sonal offering to the Holy Father. The customary offering of money is used by him to defray the expenses of the central administration of the Church and to provide a fund from which he can meet the many demands upon his charity.

I think we ought to make another offering also on Peter's Pence Sunday, which is the weekend of August 6-7 in our diocese. When I send in the money we have collected, I would like to tell the Holy Father that every parish has also offered prayers in his behalf. He surely needs this kind of support in order to give us courageous leadership and guidance in these troubled times.

Fraternally yours,

Kenneth J. Povish

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Bishop of Lansing

Parish Nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Stachlewitz

On Saturday, July 30, 1977, David M. Stachlewitz and Sheryl L. Seabert solemnized their covenant of marriage before Fr. Harvey. Main witnesses were Timothy Hansen of Royal Oak and Dawn Erickson of Highland.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Stachlewitz. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seabert.

Timothy Stachlewitz served the wedding liturgy as lector. The groom's great-aunt, Miss Marie Stachlewitz, was the organist.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos A. Melendez

Carlos A. Melendez and Sharon K. Richards spoke their life vows of sacred marriage on Saturday, July 30, 1977 before Fr. Harvey.

Carlos is the son of Benigno Melendez of Puerto Rico and Mrs. Shirley Treiveno of Detroit. Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Richards of 2567 Dayton.

Main attendants were James Marker of Detroit and Patricia Lawson of Ypsilanti. Karen Agasi was lector for the liturgy. Mrs. Ruth Lorenz was the soloist accompanied by Mr. Melvin Light, organist.

The newlyweds have our prayerful wishes as they begin their married life. Both couples will reside in our parish.

Intercessory Prayer

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Lord, you have given your people the shield of faith, your gift to us. We put on this spiritual armor before battle to protect us against unbelief and in not trusting the Lord. Faith should not be a burden for faith is indestructible. Therefore let all of us, with or without needs, put our trust and faith on the one true Lord for He is worthy and He is faithful to His people with faith the size of a mustard seed."

We pray for our Parish Team, especially Fr. Harvey, our Shepherd. Continue to give him strength and a renewed love to serve you with the power of your Holy Spirit. Let the Word go forth from his lips, preaching and teaching us that what Jesus is doing at St. John's is evidence that Jesus is Lord.

We pray:

For the Education Commission Elections today

For those on vacation and traveling. Bless their time together, be their constant companion.

For the aged and our sick, for those in suffering. For the shut-ins and the unwanted.

We thank you for all of the newcomers to the family of St. John's. Lord, that we reach out to our brothers and sisters whom you sent to us. That they, too, may experience the love and unity in God's family here in St. John's.

Jesus, you are the only Christian. Lord, we become Christian when we allow Jesus to come into our lives. Lord, that we may become a new creation. Give us new eyes to see him, new ears to listen to him, new faces so that people can see Christ shining through us, new hands to serve him, new hearts to love with, and new feet to walk in His name in faith.

May the peace of the risen Lord be with all of us now and forever.

PRAISE GOD
David Rocha

Invitations From Surrounding Parishes

•**St. Francis is holding a Fashion Show Luncheon** at the Barton Hills Country Club September 10, 1977. Tickets are $10.00 per person and will benefit St. Francis School. Call 665-0557, 994-4659 or 662-3328 for information.

•**St. Pat's in Whitmore Lake is having a 4-day Centennial Jubilee celebration from Friday, September 2 at 6 p.m. to Monday, September 5 at 6 p.m.** Three main activity tents will have games - bazaar - bingo and beer featuring live music each night. A raffle drawing will be held and **representatives will be at our parish this weekend to sell tickets for a Car Raffle. Proceeds will help them build their Parish Center.**

D.S.A. Notes

Just a reminder - payments on DSA pledges should be made directly to the Diocesan Office as specified on the statement received.

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DSA contributions and/or pledges are never recorded on parish statements due to the fact that we only handle the initial contribution.

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 8 - St. Dominic, priest
7:00 a.m. Distribution of Holy Communion only
2:30 p.m. Henry Kutzner, req. by the Estate

Tuesday, August 9 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Distribution of Holy Communion only
5:15 p.m. NO MASS

Wednesday, August 10 - St. Laurence, deacon-martyr
7:00 a.m. Distribution of Holy Communion only
9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Thursday, August 11 - St. Clara, virgin
7:00 a.m. distribution of Holy Communion only
9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, August 12 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Distribution of Holy Communion only

Saturday, August 13 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. Ann Poisson, mo. anniv., req. by the Mickey Mongiat Family
5:00 p.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy
6:30 p.m. Nuptial Mass for Martin Angers & Dianna Stolaruk

Sunday, August 14
7:00 a.m. Frank Panek, req. by Mrs. Frank Panek
9:00 a.m. Intention of Mrs. Joseph Sesi, wedding anniv., req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gregg
11:00 a.m. Thomas H. O'Dea, req. by Dorothy O'Dea
12:30 p.m. For the parishioners

Financial Barometer

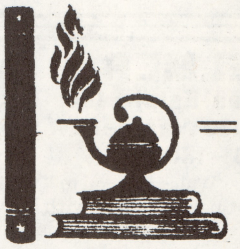
July 31, 1977

Sunday Offering $3,325.28
Parish Improvement 100.00
Heritage Fund
Eva Kutzner 272.57
Roy Christian 115.00

Wedding Banns

III - Martin Angers and Dianna Stolaruk
II - James MacMillan & Martha Watson

Scripture Readings



Sunday, August 7, 1977
First Reading - Wis 18:6-9
Second Reading - Heb 11:1-2,8-12
Gospel - Luke 12:32-48

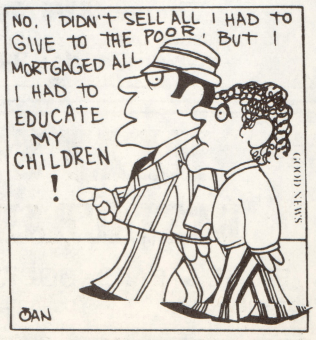
Sunday, August 14, 1977
First Reading - Jer 38:4-6,8-10
Second Reading - Heb 12:1-4
Gospel - Luke 12:49-53

Schedules for August

August 20, 21, 1977

5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
L - Maralee Meyer	L - Penny Hines	L - Ken Macek	L - Ron Pinsoneault	L - Judy Buck
C - Richard Wagner	C - Phil Stokes	C - Dennis Zielinski	C - Bridget Griffin	C - Jim Mooney
LD - Pat Miley		LD - William Lorenz	LD - Natalie Bowyer	LD - Jack White
AB - Bill Wagner	AB - Pat Wideman	AB - Jerry Moses	AB - Rick Steeby	AB - Mike Moorman
Early McGowan	Jerry Wideman	Bill Nowling	Jeff Steeby	Tom Moorman
Greg Gillman	Jim Wideman	Tim McCarthy	Gary Walters	Nick Bourdeau
USH - Elmo Schoonover	USH - Ted Weber	USH - Ivan Egbert	USH - Bill McCarthy	USH - Skip Diegel
Thomas Kulback	Dean Cannon	Dave Rocha	Andrew Coles	Polly L'Amoreaux
Vance Quigley	Pat O'Hara	Steve Adamick	Matt Conlon	Myron Welch
Cy Corkins	Doug Nowling	Frank Blaha	Ron Guidebeck	
Barney Hughes	Ralph Schmuckal	James Clark	Harry Holdridge	
		Leroy David	Justin Kelly	

Sitters	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Room 5	Daryl & Margaret Sell Janet Briggs	Sharon Wild, Jeff Katke Pete Shock
Room 6	Carol Kroger	Nancy Warren, Patty Butts Alma & Diane Madrigal
Coffee & Donuts	Roger & Priscilla Washburn Tom & Marilee Pilkington Kathy Laine, Margaret Bemis Lynne & Karen Zakrzewski	Ralph & Adeline Adams Katherine Harrington Mary Ellen Rebenitsch



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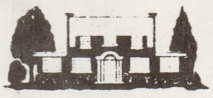

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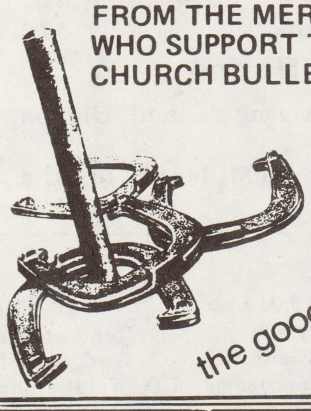

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